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PASS ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

EO 11652: NA
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SUBJ: AFGHAN SEED COMPANY (ASC): ADB LOAN 276-AFG (SF)

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1. WE CONTINUE TO ENCOUNTER WHAT APPEAR TO BE IRREGULAR PROCEDURES ON BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FINANCED BY SUBJECT LOAN.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ASC HAS NOTIFIED TO ADB A LIST OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WHICH OMITS AN AMERICAN FIRM, WHITE FARM EQUIPMENT INTERNATIONAL, WHICH SUBMITTED LOWEST BIDS ON ITEMS 4680A (COMBINES, DOLS 364,075.31 C.I.F. KABUL); 4680B (PLANTERS, DOLS 89,008,47 C.I.F. KABUL); 4680E (CULTIVATORS, DOLS 13,802.45, C.I.F. KABUL) AND 4860G (CHISEL PLOUGHS, DOLS 7,284.08 C.I.F. KABUL). ACCOUDING TO AFGHAN MOTOR SERVICE, LOCAL WHITE FARM DISTRIBUTOR, THESE BIDS ARE LOWER BY DOLS 120,094.77 THAN OTHER BIDS FOR THE FOUR ITEMS. ASC'S OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR REJECTION OF WHITE IS THAT THE LATTER DID NOT POST A BID BOND. HOWEVER, IN A LETTER TO ASC, DATED JULY 28,
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1977, WHITE STATED " ... DUE TO THE SHORT TIME THAT WE HAD TO PREPARE OUR BID, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO OPEN A BID BOND. WE WILL, HOWEVER, PRESENT A BID BOND EQUAL TO TWO PERCENT (2 PERCENT) OF ANY PORTION OF AN AWARD ISSUED TO WHITE FARM INTERNATIONAL UNDER THIS BID."

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3. IT SEEMS TO US THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE,
ASC'S REJECTION OF THE WHITE BID IS POOR PRACTICE,
ALL THE MORE SO SINCE WHITE'S LOCAL REP, AFGHAN
MOTOR SERVICE, ALREADY CARRIES AN EXTENSIVE
SELECTION OF PARTS FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT AND IS EQUIPPED
TO SERVICE IT. ASC PRESIDENT, SHERZAI, IS OUT OF
TOWN AT PRESENT, BUT WE PLAN TO TAKE THIS UP
WITH HIM UPON HIS RETURN LATER THIS WEEK. IN THE
INTERIM, ADB IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER INCLUSION
OF THE WHITE BID AND TO QUERY ASC ABOUT THE
RATIONAL FOR THE REJECTION.
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